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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1497

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 15, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Indoor Air Quality.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Grubb

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill expands the program providing for indoor air quality inspections in schools to include state agencies. The bill specifies certain qualifications for persons conducting indoor air quality inspection programs. It also provides a 10% procurement price preference to Indiana businesses that conduct indoor air quality inspection and evaluation programs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) currently has statutory authority to make indoor air quality inspections of all public buildings and institutions that are occupied by an agency of state or local government. State inspectors do initial inspections of new schools and school facilities such as dormitories; subsequent school inspections are done if a complaint is filed. The ISDH reported that two state-employed industrial hygienists respond to complaints made by schools. The ISDH would also respond to any complaint received regarding state property. The staff does education, training, consultation, and technical assistance to local health departments on a variety of environmental health issues. If a local health department requests help regarding a local indoor air quality complaint, the ISDH staff are available to assist.

The bill requires that the ISDH prepare an annual report describing the Air Quality Panel's actions. It is not known at this time when the Panel last met. [This information will be updated when available.] The ISDH should be able to accomplish this requirement within the current level of resources available.

Appropriation Background: The ISDH administrative appropriations were made from the dedicated Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund for FY 2006 and FY 2007. The funding source of the FY 2008 and FY

2009 ISDH administrative appropriations will be determined by the General Assembly.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill requires that individuals conducting indoor air quality tests must have specified qualifications. Resources and staffing available to deal with indoor air quality issues at local departments of health are not known; although, Marion County is reported to employ an industrial hygienist capable of conducting indoor air quality inspections. It is not known if these specific requirements would affect local costs.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected: Local health departments.

Information Sources: Indiana State Department of Health, I.C.16-19-3-7.

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